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PLEASE PASS TO ROBERT HUNTER, SENATOR'S FOREIGN POLICY
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TO: ROBERT HUNTER
FROM: STEVE COLLINS
RE: RUSSIAN PROVERBS

1. IF WE KNEW BEFOREHAND WHERE WE WERE GOING TO FALL, WE
COULD LAY DOWN A CARPET.

2. ADAM ATE THE APPLE AND WE MEN STILL HAVE A TOOTHACHE
FROM IT.

3. IF FOOLS WORE WHITE FUR CAPS, WE'D ALL LOOK LIKE A
FLOCK OF SHEEP.

4. FISH SEEK DEEPER WATER, MEN A BETTER LIFE.

5. IT IS EASIER FOR A LAKE TO BECOME A SWAMP THAN A SWAMP
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TO BECOME A LAKE.

6. THE GREAT VOLGA STARTED AS A SMALL STREAM.
 7. THE DAY OF STARTING A JOURNEY IS CERTAIN; THE DAY OF RETURNING FROM IT IS UNCERTAIN.
 8. BETTER A BAD PEACE THAN A GOOD WAR.
 9. IF YOU CANNOT FELL A TREE, IT IS ALWAYS THE FAULT OF THE AX.
 10. IT IS EASIER TO TEAR A HOLE THAN TO MEND ONE
 11. IT IS NOT THE NET THAT MATTERS, BUT THE FISH.
 12. DON'T STRETCH THE CLOTH TOO TIGHT OR IT WILL BURST.
 13. IT IS EASIER TO TAKE THE SWORD FROM THE WALL THAN TO HANG IT BACK AGAIN.
 14. WHAT YOU SOW IN SPRING, YOU WILL REAP IN FALL.
 15. EVERY MAN IS THE ARCHET OF HIS OWN FORTUNE.
 16. SAYING AND DOING ARE DIFFERENT THINGS.
 17. THE MORE ONE ADVANCES THEMORE OBSTACLES HE ENCOUNTERS.
 18. IF YOU WANT A CAKE YOU MUST FIRST KNEAD THE DOUGH.
 19. THE WORLD IS LARGE ENOUGH TO CONTAIN ALL THE PEOPLE.
 20. A MOUNTAIN AND A MOUNTAIN CANNOT MEET, BUT MEN CAN COME TOGETHER.
 21. BRUTE FORCE HAS UNDONE WHAT MANY A GENTLE HEAD WON.
 22. IT TAKES COURAGE TO TRY TO LOOK LIFE IN THE EYE.
 23. DON'T LOOK FOR A SEA WHEN YOU CAN DROWN IN A PUDDLE.
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24. IN A DEAL THERE ARE TWO FOOLS; THE ONE WHO ASKS TOO MUCH AND THE ONE WHO ASKS TOO LITTLE.
 25. HURRY FOR A GOOD DEAL, AS A BAD ONE WILL COME WITHOUT AN APPEAL.
 26. WHEN NECESSITY SPEAKS, IT DEMANDS.

NOTE: WILL SEND RUSSIAN FABLES TOMORROW.

RUSSIAN PROVERBS & SAYINGS

1. WHEN THE HOST IS OF GOOD CHEER, THE GUESTS ARE HAPPY.
2. AN HONORED PLACE, FOR AN HONORED GUEST.
3. A WELCOME GUEST GLADDENS THE HOST.
4. A SINCERE WELCOME IS SWEETER THAN HONEY AND SUGAR.
5. WHO HASN'T BEEN TO MOSCOW, HASN'T SEEN BEAUTY.
6. MOSCOW IS THE HEART OF RUSSIA.
7. MOSCOW IS NOT A CITY, BUT A WHOLE WORLD.
8. ALL RIVERS FLOW TO THE SEA, ALL ROADS LEAD TO MOSCOW.
9. NEIGHBORLINESS IS A MUTUAL AFFAIR.
10. THOSE WHO LOVE WORK, NEED NO WAR.
11. WHERE THERE'S WORK, THERE'S HAPPINESS.
12. IT ISN'T HE WHO LIVES FOR HIMSELF THAT IS A MAN, BUT HE WHO GIVES OF HIMSELF.
13. YOU CAN'T TIE A KNOT WITH ONE HAND.
14. ONE PERSON CAN'T KNOW ALL ABOUT EVERYTHING.

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15. USE YOUR OWN HEAD, BUT ASK OTHERS TOO.
16. TALKING TO AN INTELLIGENT PERSON IS LIKE DRINKING MEAD.
17. LEARNING KNOWS NO AGE.
18. KNOWLEDGE IS LIGHT, IGNORANCE DARKNESS (KNOWN TO EVERY RUSSIAN CHILD)
19. LIVE A HUNDRED YEARS, LEARN A HUNDRED YEARS, AND YOU STILL DIE A FOOL (I.E. IGNORANT) (KNOWN TO EVERY RUSSIAN CHILD)

20. IT ISN' A SHAME NOT TO KNOW, BUT A SHAME NOT TO LEARN.

21. YOU CAN'T ARGUE WITH FACTS.

22. FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

23. DON'T TEACH A FISH TO SWIM, AND A DOG TO BARK.

24. A GOOD PERSON IS COMFORTABLE EVERYWHERE.

25. THE HOUR IS PRECIOUS NOT BECAUSE IT IS LONG, BUT BECAUSE IT IS SHORT.

26. THREE COLUMNS CAN BEAR MORE THAN TWO.

27. ALL YOU NEED IS A FISHING ROD -- THE FISH WILL BE THERE.

28. PREPARE YOUR SLED IN SUMMER, AND YOUR CART IN WINTER.
(KNOWN TO EVERY RUSSIAN CHILD)

29. WHAT YOU SOW IN SPRING, YOU WILL REAP IN FALL.

30. EVERY KIND OF WOOD CAN BE BURNED.

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B. FROM PRESIDENT'S 1972 ADDRESS ON SOVIET TELEVISION

SHORTLY AFTER WE ARRIVED HERE ON MONDAY AFTERNOON, A BRIEF RAIN FELL ON MOSCOW, OF A KIND THAT I AM TOLD IS CALLED A MUSHROOM RAIN, A WARM RAIN, WITH SUNSHINE BREAKING THROUGH, THAT MAKES THE MUSHROOMS GROW AND IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED A GOOD OMEN. THE MONTH OF MAY IS EARLY FOR MUSHROOMS, BUT AS OUR TALKS PROGRESSED THIS WEEK, WHAT DID GROW WAS EVEN BETTER. A FAR-REACHING SET OF AGREEMENTS THAT CAN LEAD TO A BETTER LIFE FOR BOTH OF OUR PEOPLES, TO A BETTER CHANCE FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD.

THERE IS AN OLD PROVERB THAT SAYS, "MAKE PEACE WITH MAN AND QUARREL WITH YOUR SINS." THE HARDSHIPS AND EVILS THAT BESET ALL MEN AND ALL NATIONS, THESE AND THESE ALONE ARE WHAT WE SHOULD MAKE WAR UPON.

SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE HEARD AN OLD STORY TOLD IN RUSSIA OF A TRAVELE
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